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MARKETS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. A SURVEY OF STATE STORES AND COLLECTIVE  
MARKETS IN LENINGRAD INDICATES THAT MOST OF BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS  
ARE IN SUFFICIENT SUPPLY IN TERMS OF USUAL SEASONAL LIMITATIONS.  
BEEF AND PORK, ALL FROZEN, ARE PLENTIFUL. ONE STATE SHOP HAD NEW  
ZEALAND LAMB FOR SALE. CHICKEN IS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND CITY  
HAS NOT HAD ANY IMPORTED CHICKENS, E. G. HUNGARIAN, SO FAR  
THIS WINTER. EGGS ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AGAIN AFTER PRE-  
HOLIDAY SHORTAGES. DANISH BUTTER SOLD IN SOME SHOPS. FOLLOWING  
ARE FOOD ITEMS AND PRICES IN STATE STORES AND COLLECTIVE  
MARKETS AS OF JANUARY 21. END SUMMARY.

2. STATE STORES.

A. MEATS: BEEF AT 2 RUBLES (R) PER KILOGRAM (KG),  
PORK 1.90R, LAMB 1.90R, GROUND MEAT 1.90R; FROZEN HUNGARIAN  
TURKEY FOR 3.20R PER KG AND FROZEN HUNGARIAN DUCK FOR 2.20R;  
LOCAL DUCK, ONE-HALF CLEANED, AT 1.90R; NO IMPORTED CHICKENS  
AND VERY FEW LOCAL CHICKENS; PIG'S HEAD AT 70 KOPECKS (KP) PER  
KG.

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B. DAIRY AND EGGS: TEN EGGS PRICED VARIOUSLY AT 1.30R, 1.05R AND 90 KP; CREAM FOR 1.50R PER KG; BUTTER, INCLUDING DANISH IMPORTED, AT 3.60R PER KG; MARGARINE AT 1.80 KG.

C. VEGETABLES: CARROTS FOR 22 KP PER KG, BEETS 12 AND 14 KP PER KG, TURNIPS 12 KP; LARGE RADISHES FOR 12 KP PER KG; AND CABBAGE 18 KP, POTATOES 10 KP, AND ONIONS 53 KP PER KG.

D. FRUIT: ORANGES FROM GREECE AND EGYPT AT 1.40R KG (SAME AS LAST YEAR); LEMONS AT 25 KP APIECE; AND APPLES PRICED VARIOUSLY AT 1.53R, 1.40R, 1.30R, AND 1.00R PER KG.

### 3. COLLECTIVE MARKETS

A. MEAT AND EGGS: BACON AT 3R KG, PORK VARIOUSLY AT 4.00R, 3.50R, 3.00R, AND 2.50R KG; RABBIT AT 3.50R AND 2.50R KG; VEAL AT 6.00R AND 5.00R KG; HAM AT 4.00R AND 3.50 KG; EGGS AT ONE STAND FOR 1.50R PER TEN.

B. VEGETABLES: TOMATOES AT 10.00R KG (4 SELLERS); CUCUMBERS AT 10.00R KG (4 SELLERS); PARSLEY AT 30 KP AND 20 KP PER BUNCH; CARROTS AT 60 KP AND 40 KP PER KG; BEETS AT 60 KP, 50 KP, 40 KP PER KG; POTATOES 40 KP, 30 KP AND 25 KP PER KG; TURNIPS AT 50 KP AND 40 KP PER KG; YELLOW ONIONS AT 2.00R KG (2 SELLERS); AND LEEKS AT 4.00R KG (3 SELLERS).

C. FRUIT AND MISCELLANEOUS: APPLES AT 2.00R, 1.40R, 80 KP AND 50 KP PER KG; CRANBERRIES 2.50R KG; POMEGRANATES AT 8.00R, 6.00R AND 5.00R KG; PEARS 4.00R AND 3.50R KG; TANGERINES 4.00R KG (1 SELLER); GRAPES 4.50R KG; PERSIMMONS AT 3.50R, 2.50R AND 1.80R KG (THOSE FOR 1.80R WERE ROTTEN); WALNUTS 4.00R KG; AND HONEY 5.00R KG.  
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